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GROUD TOOD TOO METHOD OF HOT MARKING, AND A MULTILAYER STRUCTURE FOR

IMPLEMENTING SUCH A METHOD

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Sir:

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- \boxtimes This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. No certification or fee is required.
- \boxtimes 2. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.

3. Partial English-language translations of JP 1-202492 and JP 1-141086 are attached. U.S. Patent No. 5,487,927 corresponds to JP 8-39997.

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